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TOWN GROWTH

Didsbury enjoys continued growth in 2002

Dollar value associated with permits up substantially

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury enjoyed another steady year of growth according to numbers released by the Town last week.

While the number of actual housing starts were slightly down, the dollar figure associated with housing starts is significantly up.

Fifty-one dwelling permits were purchased this year, down seven from the previous year. That number does not include a 24 unit apartment building currently being built in Didsbury.

Last year the total value of permits issued was \$8,452,849. This year that number is up significantly to \$10,330,065.

"Didsbury enjoyed another year of above-average growth," said Planning and Development Officer Robert

Wigg. "I think that is due in large part to the direction the town has taken in embracing development."

In addition to a higher dollar value associated with growth this year there were more total permits. There were 106 permits issued in 2002 up six from the year before.

"This region has become a very attractive place with a lot of good opportunities for people," said Wigg pointing to strong growth numbers in Carstairs and Olds as well. "I think that opportunity will spill over into 2003. It just doesn't seem to be slowing down."

Wigg said he is looking forward to a busy 2003. He said he has received several inquiries about future projects and points to confirmed projects like the Aspen Ridge Lodge and the new outdoor recreation park as signs that Didsbury continues to get bigger and more diverse.

"I see next year as being another of positive growth," said Wigg. "Everything seems like its going to keep chugging along."

RCMP seek assistance in Town of Carstairs break-in

Didsbury RCMP are investigating a Break and Enter that occurred during the night of December 30, 2002 or early morning hours of December 31.

The culprit(s) gained entry to the Carstairs Town Office

and stole a small amount of money.

If you have any information regarding this or other crimes in your area please call Didsbury RCMP at (403) 335-3382 or call Crimestoppers.

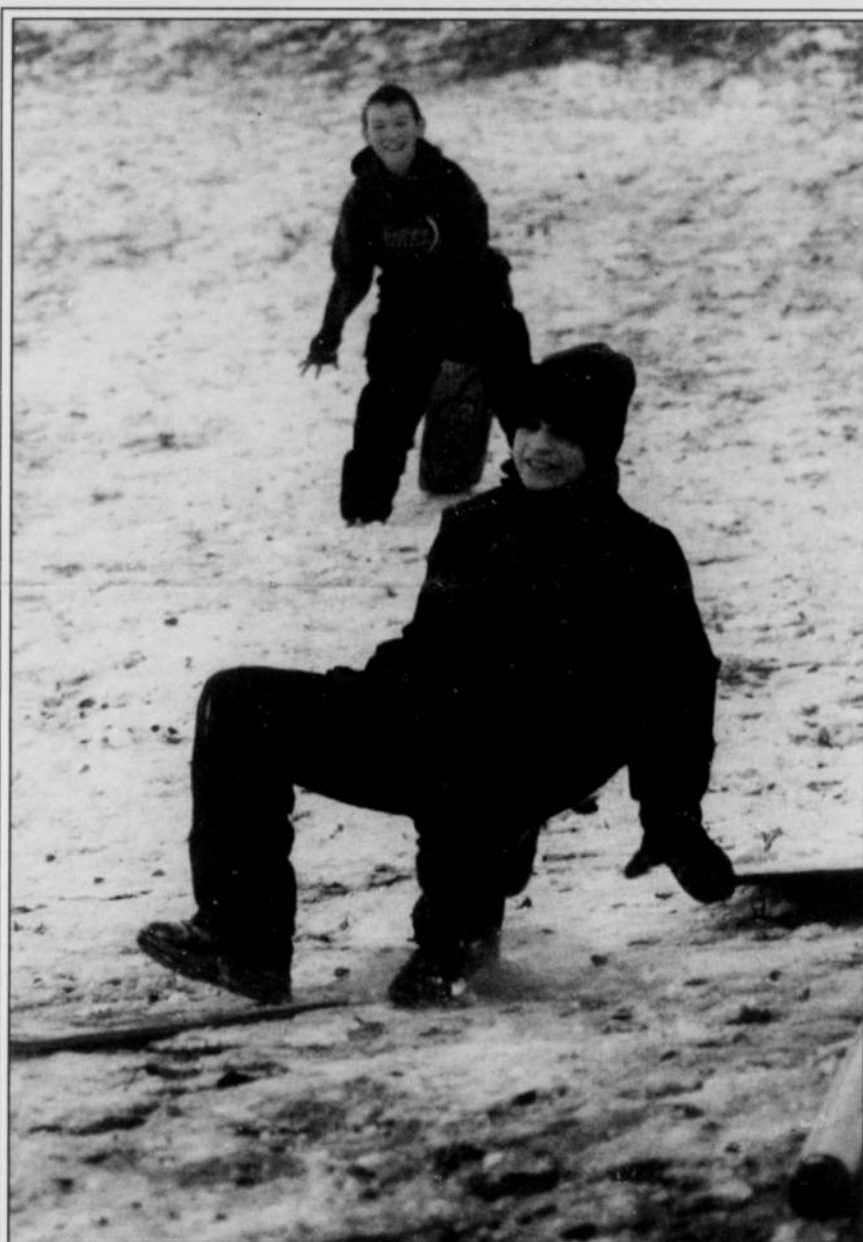


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Jordan Arndt (foreground) and friend Richard Roschak, both 11, slide down a mostly melted butte on skateboard decks Friday afternoon.



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Christmas campaign

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IMPAIRED DRIVING

Drinking and driving numbers low during holidays

Police impressed with public's holiday efforts

by Richard Westlund

People are making arrangements to get home safe without drinking and driving at Christmas time, says a local RCMP Sergeant.

Bob Phillips of the Olds RCMP detachment said people were responsible for the most part during the holidays this year and impaired driving charges were relatively low.

Didsbury RCMP set up six roving checkpoints during the holidays and checked 300-plus vehicles. Not one person was charged with impaired driving and only two 24-hour suspensions were handed out.

Olds RCMP set up nine checkpoints and stopped 275-plus vehicles. The result was one impaired driving charge and two 24-hour suspensions.

Phillips said more efforts are made during the holidays to

crack down on impaired driving because traditionally it is a time when people consume more.

"We are very happy with those figures. It seems the message is really effective throughout the Christmas holidays," said Phillips, acknowledging the media surrounding the issue is very strong in December. "But there are still people that don't get the message throughout the rest of the year. That is disappointing."

Phillips said there was a "steady increase" in impaired driving charges in 2002, among the Olds detachment. He said the statistic either points to people ignoring the message or the RCMP becoming more proficient in catching those who are ignoring the law.

But during these holidays RCMP officers were very impressed with what they saw. Phillips said more people are making arrangements to get home with a sober driver. He said younger people 18 and over seem to be the best about making arrangements among each other to have a plan to get home safe.

"I am really impressed with our young people," said Phillips adding that many of them have grown up exposed to anti-drinking and driving campaigns.

Phillips also added that organized parties have been making special arrangements to keep people from drinking and driving. He said at the Olds RCMP Christmas Party, a local funeral chapel volunteered their time to drive people home after the party.

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Dry fall leads to snow removal surplus for County

by Richard Westlund

A dry fall made up for a wet spring as far as Mountain View County's snow removal costs are concerned.

The County came in \$31,351 under budget as a lack of snow in late 2002 meant fewer costs for maintaining local roads.

Snow removal costs did go overbudget in 2002 as plows were active at the beginning of the year - and especially in April - but lower than expected salt and sand costs led to a surplus.

Two hundred and sixty thousand dollars was budgeted in sand and salt costs for 2002, but the County's actual costs came in at \$204,344.

Mountain View County's Chief Financial Officer Bryn Jones said budgeting for the snow removal is done on a five year average. Because the last five years have been drier than usual the County is budgeting for less snow. In total \$543,649 was spent on snow removal in 2002. In wetter years, like 1996 costs have been close to the \$900,000 mark.

Jones said that because the County is budgeting on five dry years, one exceptionally wet year could exceed County estimates. He said the County is prepared for that scenario.

"If we are budgeting on a five-year average and we run into a really bad year it could look like we were going to be in trouble. Reserves are set aside for bad years," said Jones, stating the County could go over budget by \$900,000 before the budget would start to be negatively affected.



Grin and bear it

Members of the Airdrie Lightning Bantam AA team and their supporters display the teddy bears that were thrown on to the ice after the team hosted the Detroit Little Caesars in an exhibition match over the Christmas holidays. The bears were donated to the Didsbury Hospital.

photo by Richard Westlund

County cuts cost for Water Valley Fire Hall

by Carla Victor

A meeting between the Mountain View County Councillor Charlie Van Arnham and the contractor chosen to build the new Water Valley Fire Hall has lowered the price of the hall.

Originally council set aside \$200,000 from their 2002 budget to build the new fire hall, but when the project went out to tenders, the quotes

ranged from \$275,550 to \$468,900.

Council accepted the lowest bidder, CLT Contracting Ltd., at the November meeting, and asked Van Arnham to meet with the contractor to see how cost could further be reduced.

At the Dec. 23 regular county meeting Van Arnham reported results of the meeting back to council.

By cutting the "little extras" (like a drive through bay) from

the original wish list and using qualified volunteers and county equipment and employees to do some of the work the price for the contractor is now estimated at \$216,000.

County has agreed to be responsible for removing black dirt from the site, soil testing, drilling the well, supplying and installing the septic tank, and putting in the underground 5,000 gallon water storage tank.

Maximum net dollars expected to come out of county pockets is \$225,000, Van Arnham told council. Volunteers have been more than willing to do whatever they can to bring down the costs, said Van Arnham. "I have been very pleased with the input from this community," he said.

"We have about 15 volunteers who are willing to put in long hours, not just a couple of hours here and there."

Lone Pine residents demand same treatment as AAA

by Carla Victor

A committee of residents from the Lone Pine area of Mountain View County got exactly what they expected from council at the county regular meeting, Dec. 23 - very little.

Murray Marsh, chair of the Committee for Lone Pine residents, who are battling with the AAA Cattle Company in an effort to get AAA to comply with their county permit, spoke to council asking for a delay in their tax deadline to May 31, 2003 - the same date Mountain View County recommended AAA should be given as a stay to the enforcement order from the NRCB (Natural Resource Conservation Board).

County council allowed Marsh to speak and accepted a letter from the committee as information, without extending the tax deadlines.

"This is exactly what we expected would happen," said Marsh after the meeting. "We didn't think the county would do this, we just wanted this re-

quest in the County records, to show we were turned down," said Marsh.

The Committee for Lone Pine protested the AAA recommendation at the county administration office in Didsbury, Dec. 13, presenting Commissioner Harold Johnsrude with their letter, addressed to council and cheques for their taxes, but asked the cheques not be cashed until council had a chance to respond to their request at their regular county meeting, Dec. 23.

Because late taxes risked penalty, the committee agreed to pay on time but still wanted the request to be made to council.

"Ultimately, what we really wanted, if you read between the lines, was for council to look at a similar situation and give us the same treatment they were giving AAA," said Marsh.

He wanted council to be questioned on the record as to why they recommended the NRCB grant the stay to AAA.

The committee has been fighting the expansion of AAA Cattle Company's application before the NRCB for a combined 2,000 head beef finisher and 16,200 head beef feeder facility.

The NRCB took control of Confined Feeding Operations at the beginning of the year, previously it was a county responsibility. The application to the NRCB was denied but is currently under appeal. AAA Cattle Company received a development permit from the county allowing them to have 2,500 head of cattle on site but have been operating over that number. The NRCB granted a stay on the enforcement order, Dec. 6, allowing AAA to operate anywhere under 4,500 head until a decision is made on their appeal in early February.

At that hearing, John Rusling, development officer for Mountain View County planning department, told the NRCB that the county was recommending AAA Cattle receive a stay of the enforcement or-

der for six months or until May 31, 2003.

In the letter presented to the county, Marsh argued that the county's recommendation would allow AAA to profit by more than \$100,000, based on evidence from the meeting.

Marsh stated in the letter that higher than expected legal costs have put the committee on the brink of bankruptcy and asked for a similar extension, to allow the committee to use their tax money for legal expenses.

Marsh said this committee has nothing against the cattle company but they do want them to comply with permits.

"With more cattle they are using more water than they are allowed which is jeopardizing neighbouring wells, especially in a drought situation. We want to see the scientific work done to see how many cattle that land can hold without polluting the environment. We don't want them gone, we want them to comply," said Marsh.

He said it is for environmen-

tal reasons the first AAA application was denied by the NRCB.

"The soil is too porous. We want them to seal the soil under the cattle pens and if they can bring the facility to that standard we would be happy to see them operate at 5,000 head - as long as it meets regulations."

Councillor Dave Derksen said he wished more could be done for the committee. "This is a burning issue, that will not go away," he said, motioning he would like to change the bylaws to support the request but later withdrew the motion as he was informed council could not change bylaws for a specific property or properties.

Reeve Ian Harvie addressed Marsh. "Unfortunately this is a system of circumstance, the AAA affair. We believe they are playing the system but we don't have the jurisdiction to control it anymore," he said, not answering to the reasons behind the county's recommendations to stay enforcement for AAA.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Headline makers



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

also had a plane crash and a helicopter crash this year just outside of town.

When writing the Year in Review I also noticed the number of stories that had to do with the Town of Didsbury and Mountain View County. These two municipal governments make decisions that affect their constituents on a regular basis. That fact alone means the entities are trying to move their respective regions into the future. It would be awfully hard to report on a government that didn't get involved and try to change things for the better.

But perhaps the stories I like writing about the best have to do with the people of the area. As I perused through the papers of 2002, I noticed that Didsburians are a very diverse and involved bunch. My favourite story of 2002 was the gift to send the Pride family to Disney World. Not only was the story a reflection of the generosity of Didsburians but the story spun off into so many different directions. Much awareness was brought to the issue because of the national media that wanted to cover the event. The story that appeared in the Didsbury Review and Olds Albertan, is in part, printed in this month's Reader's Digest magazine.

The people of Didsbury are a people of action. Unintentionally they are headline makers. They are people willing to change the smallest and biggest of things - people that want to make a difference.

Despite its size, Didsbury is a place where people make things happen.

ponderings of the heart

Ushering in the New Year

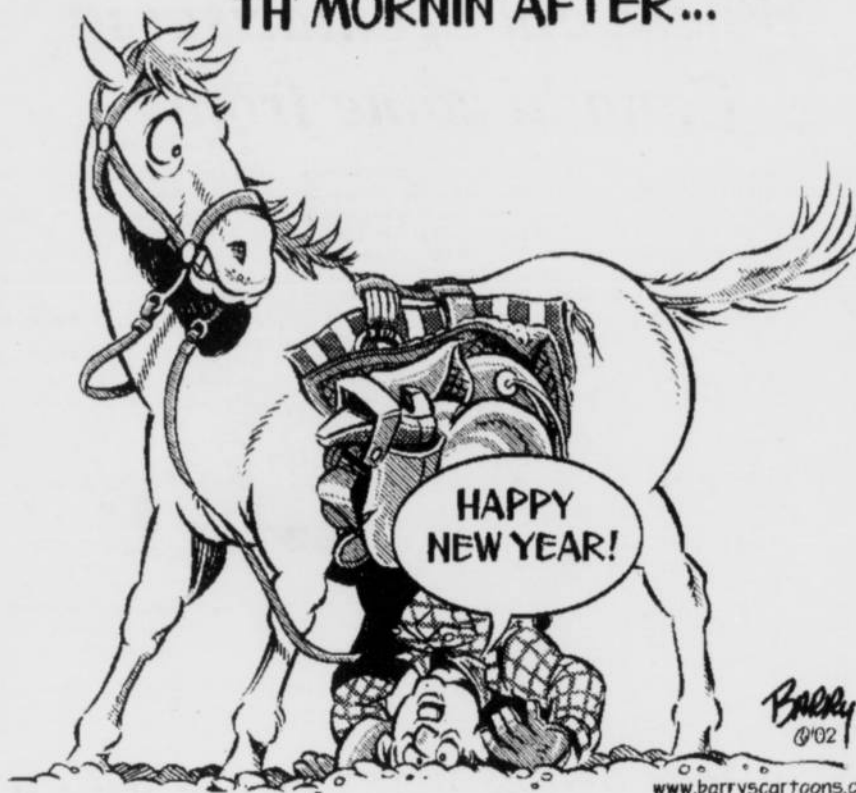
by Margaret Fradley

We are on the threshold of yet another New Year, it often occurs to me that each day could be the beginning of a New Year for each of us, but there is something nostalgic, something special about singing Auld Lang Syne, and hearing the New Year being rung in.

As we face another year, we often have thoughts of the past year, remembering the happy, good times; the difficult and trying times; the challenges we had to face; then as we look back we see the wonderful ways in which we were encouraged, comforted, lifted and helped in every situation we faced; it is then we look to the future with new hope, and fresh enthusiasm. As we look at our new calendars it is great to see all the spaces blank, yet to be filled; then as we look ahead we cannot help but wonder what the New Year will bring, but I want to share with you a recent quote I read "The most effective way to ensure the value of the future is to confront the present courageously and constructively." This becomes easier as we remember that our God is in control.

To each and every one of you I wish the blessings of the New Year, with all the joys, and challenges it may have. Let us face the New Year together, being there for one another, and being reminded that although "we do not know what the future holds, we know who holds the future."

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Taking genetically modified wheat in Canada seriously

When discussing the possible introduction of genetically modified (GM) wheat in Canada, you sometimes hear the comment made, "Let the market sort it out. If customers don't want it, they won't buy it and farmers won't grow it." But it's not that simple.

Consider StarLink corn. This GM corn variety developed by Aventis CropScience was approved for animal feed use only, but it found its way into the food corn system in September 2000, causing a costly nationwide recall of more than 300 corn-based foods and loss of international sales.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture agreed to strict monitoring procedures on export corn shipments to important markets such as Canada and Japan. However, in spite of all the time and money spent to eradicate StarLink from the U.S. grain supply, reports from Japan stated that tests had turned up the GM corn variety in a food corn shipment from the U.S. as recently as December 2002.

This comes more than two years after the problem was first identified, showing just how difficult it is to guarantee 100 per cent purity in any grain shipments that go through bulk handling and shipping systems.

The U.S. is once again facing a loss of export markets if Japan and other countries panic over possible StarLink contamination.

So what would happen if a few farmers in Western Canada decided that they wanted to give GM wheat a try? Right now, Monsanto is proceeding with the development and registration of a GM Roundup Ready variety of Canada Western Red Spring wheat - the class of wheat that comprises the majority of the CWB's sales, earning millions each year for western Canadian farmers.

The CWB is committed to safeguarding farmers' income. Due to the very real danger of market loss posed by GM wheat, the CWB opposes the introduction of GM wheat into commercial production in Canada until strict conditions are met. These conditions include providing positive cost-benefit for farmers and achieving widespread market acceptance. The CWB has studied the agronomic value of RRW and, so far, sees no true agronomic benefits for farmers. As well, with about two-thirds of farmers' customers now on record saying they won't buy GM wheat, market acceptance is low.

The CWB and other members of an industry working group recently released a discussion document, 'Conditions for the Introduction of Genetically Modified Wheat', that outlines a comprehensive set of conditions that must be met before GM wheat can be commercially grown in Canada. The document is available on the CWB's Web site at www.cwb.ca under 'Hot Topics' or by calling 1-800-275-4292. This is a discussion document so your comments are welcome.

To reach the CWB, please call toll-free 1-800-275-4292. This column is written on a regular basis by CWB communications consultant Andrea Geary.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Where did Secularism in Canada come from?

Dear Editor,

Blatant attacks of militant secularism are on the rise.

December 20th Gay and Lesbian groups cheered a Supreme Court ruling that stated a Surrey School Board was wrong in not allowing books portraying same sex couples as normal family situations for Kindergarten and Grade One students. The decision stated: "the board violated the principals of secularism and tolerance....."

My question: since when have the values of secularism become Canadian? Recently the secularist train of thought has been attacking the Christian celebration of Christmas. It apparently isn't politically correct to say "Christmas tree"; it should be called a "holiday tree". A "happy festive season" is to replace "Merry Christmas"?

Our very own Canadian Mint is advertising coin sales

on (hear this) the "twelve days of giving". They don't seem to mind making money because of Christmas, they just rather not acknowledge Christmas itself. In my opinion the play can go both ways, "I don't have to buy their coins either!"

Secularism has been called a religion, and one of the most intolerant of all ideologies.

The train of thought demands dominance over all other religious views and seeks to minimize their social effectiveness to the gain its own directiveness.

One way it achieves this is to call other religions intolerant.

Secularism seeks to disarm other religious and social views by a constant bombardment of its own rhetoric.

A civil libertarian advocate uttered his personal (but religious sounding) commendation when the Supreme Court sided

with Gay and Lesbians (in the Surrey decision) when he said "Hallelujah the courts have got it right".

By the way sir, Hallelujah is a Christian term, the ruling was not.

Use terminology fitting of secularism!

Someone might ask, where did secularism come from? Secularism is the clever ploy of Socialists trying to disarm western culture one step at a time!

The portion of the Supreme Court ruling that stands out in my mind is "the school board violated the principals of secularism".

Canadians whether you know it or not, there is a secular agenda being pushed, and it is being pushed down our throats!

Alarmed,
David Klassen
Flatbush, AB

New Year brings many issues with it

Dear Editor,

What should be the focus of a Letter to the Editor written in the dying days of 2002?

It could be that as of January 1st I am officially a criminal, not having and having no intention of ever registering the 51 year old 16 gauge Mossberg in my basement...with a pitted barrel and a bolt I don't know where but which reminds every time I rummage around of what I'd do every day coming home from school, go out with my few shells and hope a duck would fly by...and which I didn't fire off one day at some geese that flew close 'cause I was too stingy to take anything but a sure shot...and have regretted ever since.

Maybe it would be to compare the Grade One readers I

had with what the Supreme Court is decreeing. The story of Little Half Chick aimed at instilling ethics or values. Able to choose most parents would prefer this to what must be taught in Surrey School District schools.

Perhaps arguing that selected rather than self-selected refugees are to be preferred and to wonder at what will be the costs for adjudicating the 191 American's who claimed

refugee status from January to the end of October this year. And how many will never go back.

Time to stop thinking. It's like the mule who died of starvation through being unable to choose which haystack to eat! To avoid this fate I'm submitting this musing without choosing!

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- Corporate Services: January 9, 2003
- MPC: January 29, 2003
- Community Services: January 28, 2003

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I found this article in the Centennial issue of the Didsbury paper. It's hard to think of Didsbury as having just 'Village' status and that taxes could be paid a \$1.00 at a time! That was 100 years ago this year ... My how times have changed!

SMALL BUDGET IN 1902

In 1902, Didsbury, four years before the granting of town status, operated on a rather meager turnover of money. For instance, cash receipts amounted to \$706.35 and a balance of \$105.64 was left on the books after disbursements of \$599.71 were paid. At that time revenue was chiefly drawn from property tax and dog licences. Chief expense of the village was sidewalk construction which cost \$509.36. Other expenses combined totalled only \$90.35.

It was interesting to note that most early property owners were in arrears in taxes. Payments were made in amounts as small as 30 cents and up, with \$1.00 being the most popular payment.

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Farm and Ranch Bonspiel numbers up The Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel kicked off another year for Didsburians as local businessmen and farmers once again got together for camaraderie and curling.

Numbers were up for the event at 44 teams from 36 the year before.

Thompson backs Day for CA leader Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson announced he would back the candidacy of Stockwell Day to be the leader of the Canadian Alliance. Thompson said Day had been through a trial by fire and handled himself well through the

turmoil. Day would eventually lose his leadership to Stephen Harper.

Didsbury learns it will be provincial hosts It was announced in January that Didsbury would host the Bantam Provincials. The games would be held on March 8, 9 and 10 and the Didsbury Revolts would make the playoff rounds.

Teacher strike looms Tension between teachers and Chinook's Edge board members continued to rise as no progress was being made on contract talks. The Alberta Teachers Association announces that Feb. 4 could be a possible strike date if a deal is

not put in place. Eighty-two per cent of Chinook's Edge teachers vote to strike on Jan. 15.

Didsbury on the grow Local officials were pleased with numbers received in January which showed the continued growth of the town. Fifty-eight new houses were built in 2001 - a record high. In total 111 development permits were issued totalling \$8,452,849.

Steps made in garbage issue Didsbury Town Council made some headway in January regarding how garbage pick-up services would be handled in town. Council approved the awarding of the residential waste collection contract to the

Mountain View Waste Commission for a term of two years.

Committee picked to solve administration building issue Mountain View County Council voted unanimously to rescind the June 27, 2001 motion "that Council proceed with plans to construct a new administration building" and decided to form a committee to look at the issue at their January meeting - just months after ratepayers voted against a new building in a plebiscite during the municipal elections.

Ag. Society purchases land for new rodeo grounds The Didsbury Ag. Society took its first major step in creating

agricultural grounds for the future by purchasing nearly 80 acres of land North of Didsbury. For years the Society kept its facilities within town limits but in the name of expansion and long-term growth the organization decided to re-establish itself outside of Didsbury.

Didsbury graduate learns he will carry torch Thirty-three-year-old Chris Straughan, formerly of Didsbury was selected to carry the Olympic torch for a leg on its journey to the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games. Straughan was a pioneer in bringing the sport of curling to Utah.

Two survive local plane crash during February

New doctor arrives in Didsbury The arrival of Dr. Fredrick VanRooyen helped alleviate a doctor shortage in the area. Two resignations in December, one from Didsbury and one from Carstairs left the area in a bind and it was further affected when another doctor took a personal leave. The situation is currently back to normal as Didsbury has three doctors working full-time.

Chinook's Edge teachers go on strike Local students were on early spring break as 600 teachers in the division went on strike shutting down classrooms. Teachers, wanting better wages, smaller classroom sizes and better teacher recruiting, had been without a contract in place for seven months lead-



Two people were taken to hospital after a plane crash in February.

ing up to the strike. The ATA was asking for a 20 per cent wage increase over two years.

Two survive plane crash west of Didsbury Two men were rushed to hospital on Feb. 8 when a small plane crash landed in a farmers field. Local

emergency officials arrived on the scene to find one man on the wing of the plane and the other stuck in the cockpit. The jaws of life had to be used to free the second man.

Thieves steal \$28,000 in stamps during daring heist

Didsbury RCMP were investigating a break-in at the Didsbury Post Office after thieves made off with over \$30,000 worth of merchandise including \$28,000 worth of stamps. The break-in mirrored similar incidents at other small-town postal outlets across Alberta.

New Year's baby arrives in February Corson David Waiting may have been born on Feb. 12 but that was still early enough to be crowned Didsbury's New Year's baby. Born a healthy seven pounds-one ounce, Corson was the second New Year's baby to be born at least three weeks into the year.

Teachers ordered back to classrooms After a three-week strike, teachers were ordered back to their classrooms when

Premier Klein declared a provincial emergency. The Alberta Teachers Association, frustrated by the move, stated they would appeal the government's move in court.

Credit Union has strong 2001 despite slowdown At the annual meeting in February, members of the MV Credit Union received good news. Despite an economic downturn that affected all of Canada, the Credit Union was able to post earnings of \$1,510,874 before Patronage allocations and income tax. The profit allowed the Board to declare a seven per cent Common Share Dividend, a Patronage Rebate of two per cent on loan interest and a Patronage Bonus of two per cent on deposit interest.

Lone Pine residents oppose feedlot plan in March

Province introduces binding arbitration on teachers The province introduced binding arbitration on teachers to end the teachers dispute. The arbitration only covered salary issues.

Teacher concerns such as instructional hours and classroom sizes were to be dealt with in an education review, which is still ongoing. Also in March, the court of Queen's Bench threw out an order from the province forcing teachers back to work. Teachers remained on the job.

Residents concerned about Confined Feeding Operation Concerned residents living near a feedlot that wanted to expand to 17,000 head spoke out against the project in March. The application filed by AAA Cattle Company Limited in January sparked meetings among local residents who were concerned about the impact of a large CFO on the surrounding areas.

Revolts lose to Bonnyville in semifinal match After posting a 1-1-1

record, the Didsbury Revolts bantam team lost to Bonnyville in the semifinal. The Revolts hosted the Bantam Provincials.

Moose on the loose Conservation officers had their hands full with a moose cow and calf that wandered into residential Didsbury.

The animals were exploring the subdivision just south of the golf course. They were tranquilized and relocated to the Water Valley area.

Sex questions turn trustees off teenage health study

Chinook's Edge School Division would not allow students to participate in a nation-wide survey because they deemed some of the questions to be unsuitable to be asked to students. Questions included "How old were you when you had sexual intercourse the first time?" and "Have you ever had so much alcohol that you were really drunk?" The study was conducted by Queen's University and had been commissioned by Health Canada.

Census reveals Didsbury's steady growth Census num-

bers released in March showed Didsbury had grown 10.7 per cent since 1996. The increase represented 379 new people living in town since the 1996 figures were tabulated.

County resident demands County return \$45,000 Demands fell on deaf ears as Bob Gulbe Sr. unsuccessfully requested the return of \$45,000 he spent trying to legitimize his home built without proper permits. Council unanimously denied the plea to return any money.

April sees a century of history arrive in town

Papers project brings the past to Didsbury Didsbury's best record of the past returned to Didsbury in April as the province turned over their collection of local newspapers to the Didsbury Museum. The newspapers are in mint condition and date back to 1907.

Trade Show a success again The Didsbury Trade show attracted a large crowd of people and businesses again in 2002. The event also included entertainment and Art Show at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Didsbury schools receive millions in building upgrade

funding Didsbury High School and Ross Ford Elementary received 90 per cent of an initial assessment conducted in December 1999 to upgrade their schools. DHS received \$2.8 million and Ross Ford received \$1.8 million to upgrade items like the heating systems and the structure.

Didsburians pay more municipal tax Didsbury Town Council raised the residential mill rate to 10 up from 9.75 the year before. In addition to an increased residential millrate, assessment was up overall by an estimated 12 per cent. The commercial mill rate

stayed the same in 2002.

County residents spared a tax increase New growth afforded Mountain View County the option not to raise taxes in 2002. The budget, with revenues of \$25,537,979 afforded the County a \$50,000 surplus.

Town Council votes not to write letter of support for Ag. Society Didsbury Town Council voted unanimously in April not to write a letter of support for a Didsbury Ag. Society project application that was competing for the same grant dollars the Town was interested in. The Ag. Society wanted the money to help de-

velop land it purchased outside of town, while the Town was hoping for the money to renovate the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Didsburians send Pride family on a trip of a lifetime A priceless gift to the Pride family, in their darkest hour, will be remembered by the family forever. Community members organized a fundraising blitz and enough money was raised to send the family to Disney World, which was a dream for the family. Darcy Pride was diagnosed with ALS and the trip was taken in the weeks follow-

ing the raising of funds.

Former nurse recognized as Volunteer of the Year Annie Pringle, a former nurse, was named Volunteer of the Year for her efforts at the Didsbury Hospital and in the community.

County votes in favour of new County Constable County Council voted to add a second County Constable to their staff in a 6-1 vote. It was deemed the workload for one constable was too much, judging by the number of complaints special constables were forced to deal with in the County.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2002

May's Show and Shine attracts record crowds

Darrel Janz speaks at Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Darrel Janz encouraged those in attendance at the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to live a life of integrity. He said people should live their lives with humility, loyalty, generosity and patience. The Mayor's Prayer breakfast, which was attended by at least 200 people, also reflected on events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Pilot and trainee walk away from helicopter crash Two individuals walked away from a helicopter crash near Water Valley last week. Didsbury RCMP received news that a two-seater R22 helicopter, owned by Big Horn Helicopters



Brent Youngs inspects a Mustang at the Show and Shine. went down during a training exercise. According to Cana-

dian Transportation the helicopter was being used for a training exercise at the time.

Lions want out of recycling centre contract The Didsbury Lions Club expressed their wishes to escape from a deal with the Town to look after the recycling centre. The request came after the Town wrote a letter asking them to clean up the site or risk being shut down. The Town agreed to let them out of the contract and opened its own recycling centre.

Local schools continue to do well says Frasier Report Despite falling slightly in the rankings of the annual Frasier Report, Didsbury High School

remained above the provincial average. DHS dropped from a score of 6.7 out of ten to 6.5. They finished 108 out of 207 schools in the province.

Five people injured in double car accident near Carstairs A Carstairs Fire Department emergency vehicle was responding to an accident in the Northbound lane of highway #2 when it was struck from behind by a small car. The emergency vehicle flipped on its roof and ended up in the ditch.

Didsbury Show and Shine The Didsbury Show and Shine event once again attracted large crowds and the largest turnout of cars ever. Over 300 vehicles were lined up

on Didsbury streets.

Westglen School Patrol disbanded for safety reasons After the Alberta Motor Association changed the rules on how school patrollers were to stop cars to let students cross the streets, the local school saw unsafe incidents occurring every day.

After one week, principal Phil Corning made the decision to disband the patrol.

Home destroyed by fire A devastating fire on May 18 left an Eagle Valley family homeless. The fire destroyed the entire house.

It didn't take long however for neighbours to begin raising money for the local family.

Train station 100 years old at June birthday party

Didsbury's Class of 2002 After 12 years of hard work, Didsbury's Class of 2002 were honoured for completing their high school years. Earlier in the week Didsbury Outreach grads were honoured for their achievement.

Town approves skateboard equipment Town Council approved the purchase of \$14,000 worth of skateboard equipment for the new skateboard park. The money came from the Skateboard Reserve Fund which contained \$14,500.

Home made racers com-

pete in second Soap Box Derby Young racers rode their tiny vehicles down a steep hill on the North end of Didsbury in the second annual Soap Box Derby. Racers aged eight to 14 competed in the Lion's sponsored event.

Town celebrates Centennial achievement Saturday June 22 was a full day in Didsbury as the Town put together a day of activities to honour community volunteers and pay tribute to Eldon Foote Hall - Didsbury's train station. An estimated 300 people turned out

to take in the event. Residents had the chance to see karate demonstrations, square dancing, clogging, a miniature trade show and the arrival of the Empress steam locomotive.

Past Didsbury family donates to ailing children Bob and Irene Fulton, who spent most of their married life in Didsbury left a gift to others after they died. The Fultons left their estate of \$155,000 to the Alberta Childrens Hospital Foundation.

Town scraps waste bylaw Didsbury Town Council was

forced to scrap their waste bylaw after Mountain View Waste Commission CEO Larry Nault called it unenforceable. Nault said the bylaw needs to be more detailed. Council deemed the changes to be significant enough to warrant a new bylaw.

Grant funds cleanup It was announced in June that contaminated land around the Ed Nolin building extending across mainstreet and onto adjacent CPR land would undergo reclamation in the fall. The go-ahead for the project came fol-

lowing the announcement of a government grant approval that would help pay for the project.

Chinook's Edge bumped off arbitration list Chinook's Edge School Division was scheduled for an arbitration hearing on July 2 but were informed they were dropped from the list with no alternative dates set.

A phone call informed the division the first six cases were taking longer than expected and that they were removed from the list.

Carstairs grain elevator fight starts in July

Health Authority 5 submits balanced budget to province Health Authority 5 was one of only three health authorities in the province to submit a balanced budget to Alberta Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar. Along with Peace and Headwaters health authorities, HA5 submitted a balanced budget with their business plan out of 14 authorities in the province. Two health authorities were required to resubmit budgets.

Future lodge given a name The future seniors lodge in Didsbury was given a name in July. The building, which

will sit over the valley by the hospital was dubbed Aspen Ridge. The name, which came internally, was approved by Mountain View Seniors' Housing board members.

Town Councillors receive good news about landfill closure Higher levels of clay content were found in the drilling of nine test holes which meant capping the site would be easier than previously thought. Robert Perrault of Tanish Engineering told Town Council the clay content was so good they wanted to take in-situ samples for permeability testing.

Council votes to imple-

ment roll-out carts It was decided that roll-out carts would be implemented in the Town of Didsbury after a close vote at a regular Town Council meeting. To help bring the costs of collecting garbage into line Councillors opted to purchase 1,344 waste carts that would be implemented in September.

Carstairs residents try to save grain elevator With the news that Carstairs' last grain elevator would fall to the ground, a movement among local citizens began. At one point in time there were 1759 elevator in the province. As of July

there were 40 left.

Town sells land for seniors lodge for \$1 Town Council carried a motion to sell needed land to Mountain View Seniors Housing for the Aspen Ridge lodge for a dollar. Conditions were put on the sale to help work out legal details.

County declares drought disaster Mountain View County Councillors unanimously agreed to declare a drought disaster in the County. Cattle farmers were forced to cull their herds during the summer months as feed for the animals and pasture land was scarce.

Thompson among the sexiest on Parliament Hill Wild Rose Member of Parliament Myron Thompson finished third in a poll about the sexiest men on Parliament Hill. While sexy Thompson was also named worst dressed MP.

Mock accident prepares for real emergency A mock accident designed to prepare for the worst did just that when a train derailed for real just months after the mock accident.

The train was carrying hazardous material. No one was hurt in the train derailment or in the clean-up.

Long time Didsbury Councillor resigns in August

Beginning to look a lot like August Looking like a scene from a Christmas card, Didsburians woke up on the August long weekend only to find as much as 5 cm of snow on the ground. For a few days in August, children built snowmen and brought out the toboggans.

Local farmers come up empty at first hay draw Over 1,600 names were put forward by Wild Rose farmers for the hay donated from Ontario, but all came away empty handed. The first shipment of westbound hay from Ontario was dispersed through a draw process and despite having the lion's share of

the ballots local farmers were the unlucky ones.

Numbers up at Didsbury Ag. Fair and Rodeo Organizers of the Didsbury Ag. Fair and Rodeo were pleasantly surprised this year as numbers at a variety of key events were up. The Didsbury Arena experienced large crowds for the rodeo, the dance was well attended as well as the parade - which traditionally draws a good-sized crowd.

MP doesn't like new election boundaries Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson was upset when proposed boundary lines were released showing his constituency was cut in half.

"The way they have done it is just horrible," said Thompson. "It doesn't make sense to me that if you do business in a town that you wouldn't be affiliated with them."

Walk to D'Feet ALS campaign officially kicked off The Walk to D'Feet ALS campaign was officially kicked off in August when team captains met to discuss a strategy for raising funds and awareness through the initiative. About 20 people showed up at the Elks Hall where a plan to collect pledges was unveiled to participants.

Councillor Don Watt resigns from Town Council

Former Didsbury mayor and councillor of more than 20 years Don Watt resigned from Council in August. Council immediately called a by-election for October to replace Watt who cited wanting to spend more time with his family as the reason for his departure.

Skateboard Park opened After a four year wait, Didsbury's Skateboard Park was finally opened. Town officials, volunteers, donors, sponsors and skateboarders were on hand to witness the cutting of the ribbon officially opening the park.

Task force set up to deal with CP land issue A task

force was established by Didsbury Town Council to look at a number of issues that involve the CPR and the Town. The task force, which was created to look at issues like the ownership of Eldon Foote Hall and clean-up of CPR land, is comprised of Councillors and Town administration.

County releases cost to repair administration building Mountain View County released the cost to repair problems with their administration building at their August meeting. Without doing any renovations, repair estimates were pegged at \$850,000 to \$950,000.

2002 YEAR IN REVIEW

Wetter September allows farmers second hay cut

Didsbury area hay farmers get a second cut of hay in 2002 After a lack of moisture devastated crops across the province late summer showers provided hope to local farmers. Many local producers were able to get a second cut of hay from their fields when growing conditions improved drastically at the end of the growing season.

Didsbury residents remember Sept. 11 attacks Didsburians took time to reflect on the one-year anniversary of the attacks by terrorists on the United States. Mayor Dorothy

Moore said Didsburians should be proud of the way they handled the Sept. 11 crisis and said Didsburians opened their hearts to those affected. The Town also took the occasion to recognize the efforts of local fire fighters.

Reunion group tells Town to celebrate 100 years in 2005 The year in which the Town will celebrate 100 years was up for debate in Council Chambers in September. Council was asked by a local reunion committee to move their celebration date back a year to match with what had been done

in the past and with the provinces 100 year celebration. Council eventually agreed to the date change.

Roll-out carts delivered to Didsburians Roll-out carts were unloaded from trucks and delivered to Didsbury residents in September. Fourteen hundred carts were unloaded at the Didsbury Town shop, fitted with lids and dropped off at each utility paying house and duplex in Didsbury.

Chinook's Edge students score well on diploma exams Despite a teachers strike at the

beginning of the year, Chinook's Edge School Division reported that local diploma exam results were higher than the provincial average. "We are extremely pleased with the results," said Superintendent Jim Gibbons.

ALS walk exceeds expectations A sea of red shirts passed through the streets of Didsbury at the end of September in an attempt to defeat ALS and provide support to those affected by the disease. In the first ever Walk to Defeat ALS, participants came out in mass and

raised \$29,000 for the cause well-exceeding the \$25,000 goal.

County building renovation costs announced Mountain View County heard a price range for the first time as they explored a list of renovation options for the administration building. Five different concepts were unveiled at the County's regular Council meeting ranging in price from \$2.6 million to \$3.9 million. In addition to renovation costs a figure was also presented about the cost to build a new structure.

West Nile disease confirmed locally in October

Suspicious envelope causes fear at Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce members got a scare in October when television reports stated that a California-based letter they received may have been contaminated. The letter which contained Arabic writing was set to Chambers across B.C. and Alberta. While news reports stated people were becoming sick from the letters, police stated initial tests revealed the letters were not contaminated.

Versluys finds his way

back to Council seat After an unsuccessful campaign in the 2001 municipal election, Peter Versluys was elected as the new Town Councillor in a by-election. After Councillor Don Watt resigned a by-election was called.

Didsbury area man contracts West Nile Virus The first confirmed case of the West Nile Virus in Alberta was confirmed in the Didsbury area. The man had been travelling through the United States and contracted the disease there. Health officials stated there was

no need to panic about the diagnosis, but eventually decided to look at how the disease could be monitored better in the future.

Ticket numbers jump with second constable At the October County Council meeting it was revealed that ticket numbers went up drastically the first month a second County Constable started his job. In September 55 violation tickets were written compared to just seven from the month before.

Ag. Services Board di-

rected to look at Fusarium threat Mountain View County Council sent the issue of controlling the spread of Fusarium to its Agricultural Services Board in October. Concerned with producers bringing the disease into the area, the County was hoping to create some direction on the issue.

Local farmer wins truck from EPCOR Local farmer Elmer Youngs received a new truck as part of an EPCOR promotion in October. Youngs, a 56-year-old farmer, was entered in the Power up to WIN con-

test when he signed a fix rate contract.

Ratepayers question renovation costs About 100 ratepayers showed up to a meeting to hear about projected costs of renovating the County administration building. Residents were concerned about the costs associated with renovations and a few even suggested the County should maybe look at a new building again. One group stood up to say they wanted to separate from the County because it was getting too expensive to live there.

Didsburian receives Jubilee medal in November

Didsbury RCMP sergeant receives Edmonton transfer After serving Didsbury and area for five years, Didsbury's sergeant moved on. Platz was granted a compassionate transfer to the Edmonton International Airport Detachment. Platz was probably best remembered in Didsbury for the work he did in bringing a new detachment to Didsbury.

School board denies approval of Didsbury field trip Citing reasons like an uncertain world climate and a lack of educational experience, a Didsbury out-of-country field trip was denied in principle by the Chinook's Edge School Board. The trip to Europe, which included 10 Grade 12 students and one Grade 11 student, was organized outside of school time, away from school facilities during the time the school board



Bev Cheesmur displays the Queen's Jubilee medal she received in November.

had a ban on all out-of-country field trips because of the terrorist attacks of 2001. The Board lifted its ban in the fall and then received the request.

BMX track arrives in

Didsbury A building that was traditionally used for riding horses in became home to a new indoor BMX track in November. The 800 foot course, set up by Airdrie BMX, is expected to

help elite riders stay in shape over the winter months. Organizers also recognize the opportunities to grow the sport in small towns.

Chinook's Edge trustees concerned about school patrol members Chinook's Edge School Division referred the issue of crossing guard safety to its Education Committee as trustees raised concerns about the issue. Trustees believe new regulations implemented in 2002 by the Alberta Motor Association were putting kids at risk.

Didsburian honoured with Jubilee medal Bev Cheesmur was presented with the Golden Jubilee Medal in November at a special presentation in Calgary. The medal is awarded to "those persons who have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their com-

munity or to their fellow Canadians".

Unseasonable weather brings farmers back to fields Warm November weather was a bonus to local farmers who hadn't got their crop off the field before the snow flew. Combines returned to the field as farmers tried to get the most out of what remained on the field.

Compliance meant feedlot would go under says owners Owners of AAA Cattle Company, located about 10 miles east of Didsbury, told the Natural Resources Conservation Board that following regulations would have meant they would go out of business. The hearing was to determine if a stay should be granted for the cattle company which was over compliance with their development permit.

Title transferred for Aspen Ridge Lodge project

Health authority merger plan brings mixed reviews The province announced in late November a plan to reduce the number of health authorities in the province leaving board members, health professionals and patients wondering what the affects would be. The move was made to improve the delivery of health care services.

Anti-Kyoto pamphlet mailed out by MP's office Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson was encouraging constituents to say no to Kyoto in early December. Pamphlets entitled "Who will be hurt by

Kyoto were mailed out to constituents outlining the Canadian Alliance plan to address climate change.

NRCB grants stay for AAA Cattle Company The Natural Resources Conservation Board allowed AAA Cattle Company to operate over its development permit until a decision had been reached on its appeal of a denied application that would see it grow to 18,000 head.

Didsbury man pleads guilty to assaulting eight-year-old girl Twenty-three year old Adam Fernando

Bercier pleaded guilty to a charge of sexual assault in December at Didsbury Provincial Court. The accused assaulted the victim on six or seven different occasions and forced the eight-year-old girl to perform oral sex on him.

Adult crossing guard program decided It was decided at a December meeting that an adult crossing guard program would be set up in the New Year to address "unsafe conditions" associated with not having a crossing guard program in place. The Westglen School Patrol was disbanded earlier in the

year after the Alberta Motor Association changed crossing guard regulations.

Council directs committee to look at new building option Mountain View County Council directed the Administration Review Committee to investigate the option of a new building in December. Council unanimously voted to look at the new building option along with choosing the renovation option of their choice.

Child molester was director of Wild Rose riding association Wild Rose Canadian Alliance MP was shocked to

learn that a convicted child molester had been a director of his riding's constituency association for the past three years. David Moore, 39, was convicted of two counts of sexual assault 13 years ago and was sentenced to 18 months in jail. The incident reportedly involved a 12-year-old girl.

Title transferred Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore put her signature on a document that transferred town-owned land to Mountain View Senior's Housing. The land will be the future home of the Aspen Ridge lodge.

Lifestyles

Features • Community Clubs • Religion • Local Personalities

by Carla Victor

When Andrew Whittaker, of Childspace Playground Manufacturers, learned of children at an orphanage in Haiti who had never played on playground equipment, he knew this was one instance he could be of help.

Andrew and his parents Chris and Jean Whittaker, with co-owners of Childspace, Peter and Yvonne Adams, have donated a full, refurbished playground worth thousands of dollars to the children of Haiti.

Andrew will travel to the village of Mirebalais, Haiti on Boxing Day to construct the playground. This gift began much smaller.

In January, 2001, Childspace received a letter from two teenagers, John and Andrew Page, asking for donations of playground equipment for the orphanage where their parents adopted two little girls. Childspace was happy to oblige.

In May of that year, the Pages travelled to Haiti to install the playground, small to North American standards, yet more than any Haitian child has ever seen.

It was when Childspace received the thank you picture book, from the Page boys, that the Whittakers and Adams thought, "We can do better."

The 24 page book, written, photographed and bound by the boys, documented a journey their family took with the donated playground equipment.

Inside it, photographs showed children, some sick with life-threatening diseases, swinging and playing on the equipment donated by Childspace.

It told of one child, little three-year-old Judy who has been sick all her life.

"She has never smiled," said the caption under her picture. "No matter what Pat and Melinda (the mother and daughter missionary team who care for Judy and approximately 25 other orphaned and abandoned children at Haiti's Children's Home) had done, they just could not get Judy to smile, until, for the first time, she sat in a swing and she started to smile and smile and smile, while we all cried and cried and cried tears of joy."

The book was more of a thank you than was expected.

"It was a surprise when the book showed up, it really tugged on our heart strings," said Andrew.

"We thought, lets not stop there.

"We contacted the Pages and found out there were no playgrounds in the entire country - with exception of one in the country's capital city, Port au Prince, it had a fence surrounding it to keep children off."

The Pages and the Whittakers continued to speak and they, along with the Adams, decided more equipment to build an entire playground in the village, with slides, swings, monorails, spirals and so much more would be needed.

The County of Lacombe, who were in the process of replacing their older playground equipment, was contacted to see if they would be interested in donating the original material, they were.

Lacombe's slides and other items



To Haiti, with love

A local man travels to Haiti to build a playground for some of the poorest children on earth

have now been incorporated with Childspace equipment and refurbished.

A lot of work goes into every playground and this one is no different. An expert, knowledgeable with the assembly of playgrounds, will be needed to piece it together.

"I thought long and hard about it, maybe for a full 12 seconds," laughs Andrew, "before I thought, if we were sending the stuff, we better see it through to the end."

For anyone who builds playgrounds, they know the best part is

putting it together under the watchful eye of the children who can't wait to test drive it.

"To see and interact with the children who will be using the playground will make all the work worth it," said Andrew. His excitement was contagious. Andrew couldn't help sharing the news of his impending adventure. He was telling four friends, Marlin Derksen, of Calgary, Jeff and Cam Heinz and Ross Baradoy of Cochrane, and they decided this was an opportunity they didn't want to miss.

"I mentioned it to them in passing,



I thought, if we were sending the stuff, we better see it through to the end."

- Andrew Whittaker

didn't even invite them, and they wanted to go."

Baradoy and the Heinz brothers are professional cameramen who film documentaries. They will be filming this journey from beginning (the loading playground equipment at the Childspace factory in Olds) to end (Haitian children playing, carefree on their new playground).

All the men are responsible for their own travel expenses.

"I think we all have our own reasons for going. Mine are for the same reasons I make playgrounds here - so children, no matter where they live, can have fun, not worrying about where their next meal is coming from, for a few minutes every day," said Andrew.

Kelly Grimsdale, production manager for Childspace, sums up the role of a playground best.

"A playground is a mode of escape for children to get away from everything.

Children use their imaginations to get away from the drudgery of their lives. It's a place where adults aren't allowed - a place just for children that belongs to them."

There is no better place for a playground than a thirdworld country where children's needs can so easily be forgotten. Childspace wants this gift to the children of Haiti, from strangers two worlds away, to remind them they aren't forgotten, but they will understand if the children are too busy to bother with the reasons behind it.

The Whittakers and Adams know for these children there will be no other purpose for this playground than to play and have fun.

And they wouldn't want it any other way.

LIFESTYLES



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

The Christmas, Women's Institute meeting, was at our house on December 11 so the Christmas decorations, including the tree, have been up since December 10. Now on Jan. 5 the tree should certainly be taken down, but taking down the decorations is not nearly as much fun as putting them up and it's a job that is easy to postpone. If it were a dry and shedding kind of tree my husband would have been stripping it on January 2 but it's a lovely supple fir tree and the new lights are cool and non flammable so maybe we will just pretend that we are celebrating Ukrainian Christmas and take it down after Jan. 6.

I once heard, and this is supposed to be a true story, about a School Principal who went to call on the parents of a child who was failing his year because he simply did not ever get around to finishing his work or turning in his assignments. It was Easter Break and the child's Mother ushered the principal into the Living Room. "Please excuse the Christmas tree," she apologized, "I just never seem to get around to taking it down."

A couple of years ago Ralph and I were driving to Calgary on about December 22 when we saw, by the side of the road, the almost bare skeleton of a very dry spruce tree. Several strands of glittering tinsel still clung to it's desiccated twigs. Unless someone had put up a tree in September and this was the second tree of the season it had to be a year old. Where had it been for the last eleven months? Could it have belonged to the family whose child never got around to doing his homework?

What kind of people throw out their old Christmas tree on a public Road anyway? Slobs that's who. Probably the same kind of people who drunkenly fall into the Christmas Tree on America's Funniest Home Videos and happily preserve the occasion on tape. A smallish Living Room, a well lit decorated tree, parcels wrapped, children in pajamas and then some old fool trips over the coffee table and falls into the tree. That's Funny? Think of the mess, the waste and breakage and the trauma to the poor little kids. Our tree once fell over all on it's own and if anybody laughed they didn't do it around me. We have a ton of tree decorations most of which are very delicate and some of which are very precious. He who stupidly runs into my tree had better arrange to keep on running and not plan to return, ever.

When I was a child and there were seven kids in a very small house the Christmas tree totally dominated the Living Room. The tree had to be quite near a coal and wood heater and Mom and Dad lived in dread of an errant spark hitting the tree. We had one small box that contained some colored glass balls, red and green paper ropes, the angel (I have it now) and some well used strings of tinsel. It took about five minutes to decorate the tree and the same amount of time to undecorate it. It went up Christmas Eve and came down Jan 1.

This is our forty first Christmas tree. Every year we have added a few more pretty things and even with the ones that were broken when the tree fell there are still a lot of decorations. Boxes full of delicate glass balls, mini lights, outside lights, tinsel ropes, green swags for the gate sign and front deck, velvet ribbons and wreaths and silk poinsettias, gilded cones and collections of angels and nativity sets. Putting everything up is a big job, taking everything down is a big job. Epiphany is on Jan 6, maybe that's a good day to take out the tree. The next Holiday is Ground Hog Day and I don't think even I can stall that long.

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County recognition

Darwin and Louise Krebs and daughter Jamie Westlund were recognized at the Mountain View County Dec. 23 regular meeting with a special plaque. The Krebs family was recognized for the success of their Belgian mare Krebsie's Rain Michelle - a horse that classified as premium in the Alberta Horse Improvement program.

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DIDSBURY OUTLAWS

Outlaws will prepare for public speaking events in New Year

by Jodi-Lynn Krebs

The Outlaws had their Christmas Party at the bowling alley in Olds on Sunday, December 8, 2002 and it was a blast!

Thanks to the staff for all their help. Then on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm., we had our monthly meeting and we discussed new and old business.

At that time we got our Project Books, now our work begins.

We are having a Public Speaking workshop at our January 13, 2003 meeting. Public Speaking is scheduled for February 2, 2003. Time and place will be in next month's report.

We, as a club, came to the agreement that we were going to have our Achievement Day the same day as the District

Olds Ropes and Reins

by Libby Harris

Since our last report there has been some serious activity going on at the Calouri Pavilion. Members have been working hard at lessons and horsemanship. Horses have been measured, weighed and yes, temperatures have been taken; so far no thermometers have been lost!!

On the 23rd and 24th a record book clinic was held in the Hanstock Hall for the not so organized members. It was well presented, we learned a lot, lets hope we can improve on our record book keeping!!

However it was not all work. A fun swim was at the Didsbury Pool it was arranged by the Cremona club for all local 4-H clubs and this was a good time to get together with fellow 4-H members we had alot of fun we even had pizza and donuts yum, yum!!

Our X-mas New Year party is being arranged for Jan. 11th at Eagle Hill we will go Tobogganing (if there is snow) and have a Chinese gift exchange.

Ten excited members are eagerly awaiting news on the Jr. exchange planned for the summer. We are hoping our first choice to P.E.I. will be

Horse Show, June 8, 2003. Our Banquet will be June 14, 2003. If people want to donate bottle money to our club, an account has been set up

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DR. DOBSON: I'm sure you know that within a couple of years, your son will be off to college or to some other pursuit, perhaps the military, and he will be entirely beyond your reach.

Why not give him a taste of that independence now, while he is still under your care?

It will be better for him to ease away from your influence than to have it come to a sudden end. There was a moment during my teen years when my mother and I had a similar debate.

I was 16 years old and had been invited to work on a shrimp boat during the summer.

The captain and crew were tough dudes who didn't put up with any nonsense. It was a man's world, and I was drawn to it.

My mother was very reluctant to grant permission because she understood that there could be dangers out there in the Gulf of Mexico for four days. She was about to say no when I said, "How long are you going to keep me as your little boy? I'm growing up, and I want to go."

With that, she relented. It turned out to be a good experience, during which I learned what it is like to work whether or not I felt like it, and I began to understand better how the adult world works.

I came back grimy and tired but feeling very good about myself.

My mother later acknowledged that she had done the right thing, even though she worried the entire time. Yes, I think you should let your boy go to the wilderness, especially since it is a supervised trip.

"Letting go" works best as a gradual process. It's time to get started.

QUESTION: Our family lives an exhausting lifestyle — we just can't seem to find a way to slow down! It gets depressing at times. Do you have any words of advice for us?

DR. DOBSON: Let me share something that may help you and your husband make the tough choices on which a slower lifestyle could depend.

Do you remember Vince Foster, who committed suicide during the early days of the Clinton administration?

He was deputy counsel to the president before that tragic night of his death on July 20, 1993.

Just eight weeks earlier, Foster had been asked to speak to students graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

This is what he told the students on that occasion: A word about family. You have amply demonstrated that you are achievers willing to work hard, long hours and set aside your personal lives.

But it reminds me of that observation that no one was ever heard to say on a deathbed, I wish I had spent more time at the office.

Balance wisely your professional life and your family life. If you are fortunate to have children, your parents will warn you that your children will grow up and be gone before you know it.

I can testify that it is true. God only allows us so many opportunities with our children to read a story, go fishing, play catch and say our prayers together. Try not to miss a one of them.

Vince Foster's words now echo back to us from eternity.

While you're climbing the ladder of success, don't forget your own family.

Those years with your children at home will be gone in a heartbeat.

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Didsbury and District Support
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Our group on Dec. 19th enjoyed a fun, laughter-filled afternoon with the main activity being bingo games where the winners got to take home a "man" - gingerbread that is!!!! From our "Canada's Physical Activity Guide for Older Adults" we are looking at Strength & Balance Activities. Strength activities are those that challenge all your muscles and they help you to: keep muscles and bones strong; reduce bone loss and improve balance and posture.

You are less likely to fall or have accidents that cause injuries. Start slowly - but challenge your muscles. Use weights that you can lift 10 times before they become too heavy (i.e. soup cans), breathe

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We look forward to seeing everyone on Jan. 9th, 2003 - bring a friend to share our fun with. For more info call Sheila at 335-4391.

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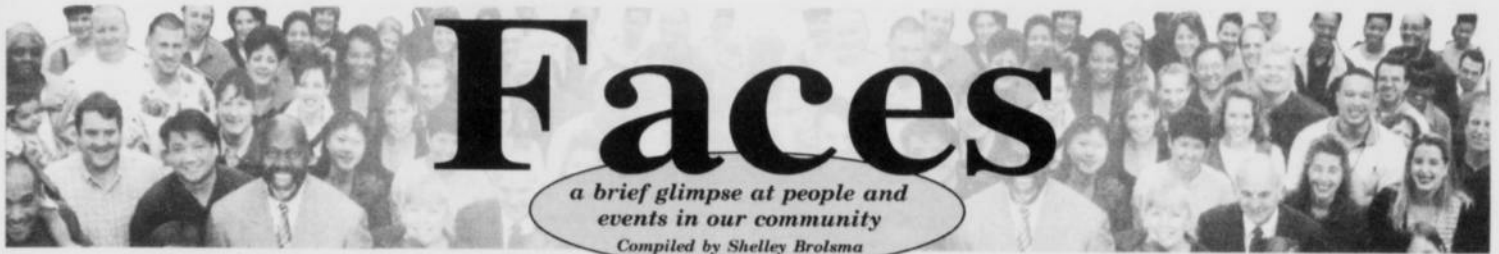
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a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Brolsma

Didsbury Lions urge local residents to take the bus

Tired of fighting unpredictable driving conditions, icy sidewalks and short daylight hours to get all you need to get done in a day?

Why not board the Lions Bus? In operation for over a decade now, the Lions Bus provides safe, convenient and reliable shuttle service to and from dozens of destinations in town and (providing you book ahead) outside town as well.

Recently, the Lions Club in town hired an additional driver to help manage the influx of residents who rely on the bussing service. Behind the wheel you will now find either long-time driver, Lloyd

Kenyon, and newcomer, Bill Gee.

While washing the bus one Saturday, Kenyon and Gee both agree the service they consistently provide is often underused. "The bus is available to anybody age 19 and up," says Kenyon. "...A lot of people don't realize that and we want to spread the word and see it being used more and more."

All tolled, the Lions Bus can accommodate eight passengers (including two wheelchairs). The cost is just \$5.00 return or \$2.50 one-way. "The bus primarily operates in town except for the odd time on weekends or days that are pre-booked. Those

are the only times we go out of Didsbury," Kenyon explains.

Currently there are four bus stops in town for patrons to board the Lions Bus: Didsbury Drugs, Home Hardware, AG Foods and the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

"We are running about four days a week right now, but that may increase in the future...we are hoping so anyway..."

Surprisingly summer ranks as the busiest months for the Lions Bus service. "I don't really know why, but June, July and August always seem to be our busiest times. We were unusually busy this past month,



Lloyd Kenyon & Bill Gee

however, with people getting out to do shopping and tour the light displays around town."

Anyone interested in book-

ing the Lions Bus can call the cell-phone line at 507-0208 or Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363 or Bill Gee at 335-2861.

Chimney Sweeps are needed even in the 21st century



Ron Leckie

Mention Chimney Sweep today and images may still conjure of Dick Van Dyke's famous rendition of the cheery tune in Mary Poppins.

From as far back as the evolution of the chimney itself in the 16th century, there have been workers to clean them thereby rendering the profession of Chimney Sweep as one of the oldest and most valued trades.

Ron Leckie is living proof. It is, in fact, what has kept him in business for the past 25 years as owner and operator of Sunwest Chimney and Furnace Cleaning out of Sundre. "My customers call me from all over the area - Didsbury, Olds, Bowden, Innisfail, Crossfield, Airdrie...even Calgary," says Leckie. "Most of it is through

referral now, but eventually everyone who owns a chimney needs the services of someone in my business. It's just a matter of time before you realize it..." "The easiest way to determine whether your chimney is in need of a "sweep" is to look in the mirror...literally. "All you have to do is hold up a mirror under your chimney and take a look at what's really up there."

If all you see is a thick buildup of black creosote and soot, it's probably time for a good cleaning."

Leckie says most homeowners can get away with cleaning their chimney and fireplace (or pot-bellied stove) once every couple years. "But then again that depends on how often you use it and how you've been us-

ing it..." According to Leckie the best and cleanest way to burn a fire is by pre-heating the chimney first with a piece of lit newspaper.

"So many people skip this part, but it's important because if you don't pre-heat the chimney, the fire has to push against a column of very cold air inside the chimney and that produces more creosote production." Leckie also recommends placing a few sheets of newspaper under your logs before lighting them as well.

But the recipe for the perfect fire doesn't end there. Even the kind of wood you burn is important and must be carefully considered long before the first match is ever struck. "I tell my customers to burn the driest

wood they can find. Green Poplar is very good and burns very clean and evenly," explains Leckie. "...Best of all, it doesn't leave any clinkers (unburned pieces of wood) to clean up after."

Leckie's chimney cleaning service takes only a few hours and costs approximately \$60.00 per customer. "I don't charge mileage unless I have to go as far out as Airdrie or Calgary," Leckie says adding. "I use a series of brushes and rods and start from the top and work my way down...it's a very physical job (climbing on roofs, etc.) but I like it. It's what I do."

Anyone interested in learning more about how to care for their chimney and fireplace can call Sunwest at 638-2736.

Nine-year-old Zach Rahn catches BMX fever

BMX fever is catching on fast and furious in the town of Didsbury. The latest (willing) victim is non other than nine-year-old Zach Rahn.

Zach is just one of dozens of like-minded males and females between the ages of four and 20 to spend this past weekend at the unique indoor BMX track in town situated just northwest of the Memorial Complex. Racers come from towns and cities between Edmonton and

Calgary to compete for nothing more than bragging rights and the sheer enjoyment of the sport.

"I've been riding for only about three days...but I really like it. It's really neat. It's fun and it's challenging. I fell yesterday during one of the races, but I'm okay now," Zach says adding that he gave up playing hockey to pursue his love of BMX. Since the challenging dirt-laid circuit was put in

place early December, dozens of regional BMX professionals have been flocking to Didsbury to enjoy the one-of-a-kind facility.

The next Open House will be held Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 27th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. All who are interested in trying the track are invited to do so.

Ag Society President, Wes Thomas, says riders need

only sign a day waiver upon arrival before heading out of the starting gate on their way to a unique and exciting ride.

"Local residents should take this prime opportunity to view this facility. It's all right here in our backyard and is something other communities definitely don't have yet...especially during the winter."

For more information, call 512-0639.

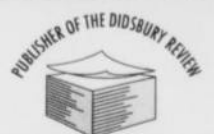


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Didsbury Bantam A team talks about how they are going to approach a crucial final minute of their game with Carstairs on the weekend - down by a goal with their goaltender out. Carstairs won the game 3-2.

GRIZZLYS

Defensive play improves against Crownest Pass Timberwolves

by Barry Williams

Backed by improved defensive play, the Olds Grizzlies chalked up three consecutive victories against the Crownest Pass Timberwolves in Alberta Junior Hockey League action played last week.

On Monday Dec. 30 in Coleman, the Grizzlies scored two power play goals in the third period to skate away with a 5-3 victory. Back in Olds on the weekend the Grizzlies skated to a 7-2 win on Friday, Jan. 3 and held off a late Timberwolves rally for a 4-3 victory on Saturday, Jan. 4.

In Coleman, Nathan Lawson turned aside 22 Timberwolves' shots to preserve the win. Meanwhile, Diarmuid Kelly blinked the red light twice to pace the Grizzlies' scoring output. Singletons were added by Logan Lavorato, Brett Hopfe and TJ Petersson. Replying for the Timberwolves were Beau Adams and Tyler Stella.

Friday evening the Grizzlies dominated the Timberwolves by scoring three second period power play goals off the sticks of Diarmuid Kelly, with a pair, and Brett Hopfe to solidify the victory. Other goals came from Matt Piller, Hilbert, Shea Hamilton and Scott Kalinchuk. Denting the twine for the Timberwolves were Chance Olson and Kyle Nason.

The game on Saturday evening turned out to be a battle of the netminders as Grizzlies' tender, Jordan Ramstead, and Timberwolves goalie, Nicolas Simon, turned in superlative efforts between the pipes. In an offensive minded game, Ramstead made 37 saves with Simon blocking 48 shots. Many of the saves made by the goalies were spectacular highway robbery stops.

Mark Smyth, Jay Rosehill, Rob Cowan and Landis Stankievecch dented the twine for the Grizzlies with Devin Alfonso, Chris Dobek and Devin Setoguchi replying for the Timberwolves.

Grizzlies' Head Coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, seemed to be pleased with the team's defensive effort indicating the defensive core kept the Timberwolves' sharpshooters on the outside and limited their scoring opportunities.

"We've worked on our defensive play all season trying to lower the goals against," said Cox noting, fewer mistakes are being made in the defensive zone.

"Obviously we played well enough to win all three games," Cox added, indicating at times the players were not focussed and let up on their play.

"At times the players had mental lapses letting the Timberwolves back into the games," noted Cox.

With the hiring of a new coach, Kevin Higo, and players quitting mid-way into the schedule, the Timberwolves are a team in transition.

"Right now they (Timberwolves) are a desperate team and they're playing like it," Cox noted.

"They have new players trying to make an impression with the coaching staff and the remaining players are trying to keep their jobs with the team," Cox said.

I thought some of their players stepped up and showed their new coach they want to be a member of the team," added Cox.

Cox indicated the Grizzlies are starting to mold into a coherent team and the new additions to the squad are finding a place within the roster.

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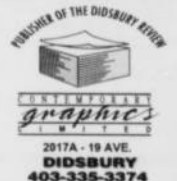
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A Thank you to Dr. Putts & nursing staff on Unit #4 for looking after Mom (LaRue Krebs) this last year. Also to Claudio my best friend & friends & relatives who sent food, flowers, cards & well wishes. Uncle Melvin for visiting Mom every week & Lila & Margriett for sitting with Mom on her last days.

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Alice Feldbusch

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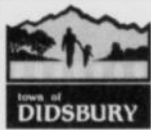
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Les Aarsby	Val Edmondson	James Whalen	Becky Pryde
Family & Friends of the Allen's	Edna (A friend going through therapy)	Sue Kary	Dracy Pryde
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Cyril Brooke	Don Faryna	Georgina Luft	Erin Scismith
Dawn Rose Brown	Arno Fergel	Mike	Margaret Sheehan
Ruth Burton	Else Fergel	Nancy	Donna Shultz
The Cardinal Clan	Beryl Francis	Nurses in Palliative Care	Sylvia
Rose Chevchank	To All Friends	Patti	Evan Tipp
Peggy Cousins	Emelia Greening	World Peace	Laura May Ann Verlende
Debbie	George Grisack	Pearl	Christine Waller
Doctors in Palliative Care	Mary Hooper	Kathy Peters	Joy Wickson
Anna Wiens Dorn		Jacob Phillips	Helen Wright

Tree of Hope Greetings In Memory of

Beatrice Aarsby	Pettina Fournier	Christopher Long	Mark Redmond
Clifford Aarsby	Nancy Freeman	Elizabeth Luft	Karen Riley
Jim Allan	Marie From	Dorothy Manderson	Ira Roberts
Aunt Alice	Bernie Fulkerth	Marcel Marotte	Kathy Robertson
Grant Archer	Florence Fulkerth	Jim McCulloch	Andy Ross
Alice Arkey	Russell Fulkerth	Mary McCulloch	Debbie Ross
Irene Banick	All our Fulkerth relatives	Amy McDonald	Randy Ross
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Isla Brooke	Brian Hosegood	McI Morrison	Martin Steffler
Aunt Helen Brown	Percy Hosegood	Peggy Morrison	Kyle Sutherland
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			Ross Youngs

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The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



DIDSBURY

Blood Donor Clinic
January 15th, 2003 from 3:30 - 7:30 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Call for appointment at 1-888-2DO-NATE. Drop ins are welcome. The Knights of Columbus of Olds, Sundre and Didsbury encourage you to give the gift of life.

Photography

A group of photo enthusiasts have started a photo club which meets the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

DIDSBURY

Information Night

Learn about the "Effects of Emissions from the Oil and Gas Industry on Animal and Human Health". Presented by the well-known Dr. Martha Kostuch, DVM. Tues., January 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at Airdrie Town & Country Centre, 275 Jensen Dr. Sponsored by Residents for Responsible Energy Development (RRED). Donations accepted at the door.

Bus Trip

Brighten up the new year with a casino bus trip on January 10, 2003. Leaving the 5-0 Club at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

DIDSBURY

5-0 Club

Pot Luck Dinner at the 5-0 club Wed. Jan. 8 at 12:30 p.m. Meat provided.

Bus Trip

Bus trip to Bert Church Theater in Airdrie on Jan. 30 to a variety show of Acadian music and fun from P.E.I. Watch for posters uptown or phone Bea at 335-3058.

Meeting

Mountain View Community Hall annual meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILY RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Only meeting held in Dec. will be Wed. Dec. 4th in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

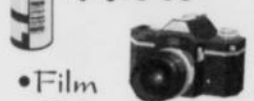
Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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